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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Roby et al.

Examiner: Ricci, John A.

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For: **SUTURE RETAINER PACKAGE**

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- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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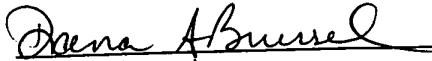
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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